

# WASHINGTON MAILS.

Our Washington Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, October 21, 1849.

Official Despatches to the Government.—Hopes indulged.—Mr. Rives—M. Pousin—No mediation.—Adjournment of the Nicaragua Question.

When it was announced, telegraphically, that the Niagara had brought the intelligence that France and England had prevailed with Turkey to refuse to deliver to Russia the Hungarian refugees, the administration was elated with the hope that the official despatches would give promise that the two first named powers would side out of the difficulties existing between them, severally, and the United States. And this supposition was, in a measure, reasonable, because, if Russia insists upon a war with Turkey, and if France and England assist the Sultan, they would not find it to their advantage to come to an open collision with the United States.

The government received its despatches by the mail of this morning, and to-morrow they will be laid before the cabinet. Of course, but little or nothing can, as yet, be publicly known of their contents. But, from respectable sources, we learn that Mr. Rives has written from Paris that his new impression is that he will not be received as Minister Extraordinary by the French Government, although he has not yet made the attempt. There appears to be no truth in the rumor that England had offered her mediation in the affairs of the United States and France, and that the Government is very much dissatisfied with M. Pousin, for condescending to explain that he had made use of the language to which our government took exception, by the direction of M. Tocqueville; the Minister has written from Paris, and he has the opinion that no apology was necessary from M. Pousin after he was dismissed; and that he had no right to shield himself privately, by casting blame upon his own government, or M. Tocqueville, who took him to task.

Mr. Crampson, the British Charge, has received despatches from his government, informing him, it is said, that England is determined to adhere to her present position in the Nicaragua question, but, as Mr. Bulwer, the new Minister, is expected to arrive in the next steamer, nothing further will be done in the premises until that time.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20, 1849.

The Institution of Slavery—View of the Mississippi Election by a Democrat.

The abolition question is not a question between liberty and slavery, as these terms apply to white men. It is a question between the free negroism, and depravity of the Five points, and the orderly deportment and good habits, of the happiest rural population in the world. There are now three millions of honest and well behaved negroes in the South; and in twenty-five years more, we shall have six millions of them. I have known several cases of emancipation, but I never knew a negro to be benefited by being set at liberty. From the day of emancipation, their course is downward. By the by, a very good anecdote on this subject, was related the other evening in my presence, by a Southern gentleman—

The present Bishop of Alabama, Dr. Cobbs, an estimable and devout member of the Episcopal church, is a native Virginian. Some years ago he was inclined to emancipate a favorite family of negroes, descended to him from his father. They were devoted, well raised, carefully instructed, could read and write, and recited the offices of the church with accuracy. When the bishop ascertained the inclination of the incumbent of his parish, they annoyed him incessantly, flatter themselves how well they could do, and how rich they would be, if liberated. But the third they succeeded in obtaining from him, a decree of manumission. As they were good house servants, they could do better in Baltimore. They were furnished with plenty of clothes, money to pay their way, and letters to a small estate, a picture of the after them. After a short time, they could do better in Philadelphia, and in the course of a year or two reached New York. From Baltimore they wrote home occasionally, but the correspondence grew less and less, and at last, in the winter they wrote from New York.

The weather was very cold, and as work was scarce to be had, and they were not very well, they wanted to know, if their master could not send them some money. They then came down, and for the third time with the depraved habits of the herd of free negroes; and nothing distresses the good bishop more, than reflecting upon the error he committed, in gratifying their wishes and setting them free. This is, on a small estate, a picture of the moral degradation that misguided fanatics would visit upon the whole country from the Potomac to the Rio Grande.

A friend of mine, who has lately returned from the South, alleges that the democratic party will sweep everything before them in Mississippi. Col. McWillie will succeed Tompkins. McWillie is a South Carolinian, and stood up close to Gen. Jackson, and was a loyal ally of the president in the days of rebellion. In the Natchez district, the accomplished Gen. Brown, the finest specimen of a finished Southern gentleman that visits this metropolis, is not even blessed with a competitor. Col. McWillie is a small estate, a picture of the lady, is prevented from going fully into the canvass, but there is no doubt of his election. Jake Thompson will be succeeded, with his own consent, by one of the same sort.

Our Baltimore Correspondence.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21, 1849.

End of the Foul—Violent Assault—Emigrants, &c.

The duelling party have cooled down to a healthy temperature; and are, it is said, preparing a statement, accompanied by quite a voluminous correspondence, to explain to the public the way and wherefore of their not fighting.

The excitement with regard to the duel has given way to a game of hide-and-seek, in which Dan Rice figured on Sunday last. It appears that Rice and his wife were in company with Dr. William T. Leonard, and his wife, when a printer working in the office of the Sun, called on them, and Rice has received foul treatment from the Doctor, stepped up to him, and called him a thief. Blows were given and received, and in the end, the printer possession of the Doctor's hat. On Sunday Rice seized the Doctor by the collar, and the latter, with relations with the Doctor, and without exhibiting the least feeling to any one, approached Appleby while sitting on a chair, knocked him down, and hurled him head over heels, and with the level of his foot, most dreadfully, before the combatants could interfere. Rice has been arrested and held to bail to answer at Court on Saturday next.

The Russian ship Gustav, Captain Van Santon, arrived here on Saturday, from Bremen, having on board twenty-nine days, from Bremen, having on board twenty-nine days, and 189 passengers in the steerage.

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